



THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE
NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO

OPEN THE BANKS

A CONFERENCE ON PROVIDING SOLUTIONS AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES
FOR U.S. COMPANIES AT THE MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS

Monday, April 25, 2005

9:00am to 5:00pm (Registration starts at 8:00am)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – MAIN AUDITORIUM

14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230

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| 8:00am-8:45am | Registration and Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00am-9:05am | Introduction of the Trade Advocacy Center and the MDBs |
| Speaker: | Daniel Bloom, Director |
| 9:05am-9:15am | Rhonda Keenum, Director General, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service |
| 9:15am-10:45am | SCO Panel |
| Panelists: | Senior Commercial Officers - Multilateral Development Banks |
| Moderator: | Diane Willkens, President and CEO, Development Finance International |
| 10:45am-11:30am | A World Bank official's view on MDB procurement procedures and procurement guidelines. |
| Panelists: | World Bank Representative |
| Moderator: | Susana Florian, Senior Vice President, Parsons Brinckerhoff |
| 11:30am-12:30pm | The U.S. Executive Directors' perspective on the strategic direction of the MDBs, how the Banks are improving governance and transparency in less-developed countries, and advancing U.S. procurement opportunities. |
| Panelists: | U.S. Executive Directors, Multilateral Development Banks |
| Moderator: | Mike Gadbow, Vice President for International Law and Policy, GE |
| 12:30pm-2:00pm | Lunch |
| 2:00pm-5:00pm | SCO and Advocacy Center Hands-on Counseling Sessions |

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